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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

My household has been connected to the Internet via ADSL for 20 years. For the first quarter of that period, our ISP was Pac Bell (later AT&T). About 15 years ago, unhappy with the service we were receiving, we switched to Sonic.net. Sonic provides the choice of features and, especially, accessible and knowledgeable technical support, that we were unable to get from PacBell/AT&T or had to jump through excessive hoops to get.

For us, competitive choice has delivered results. Before that, Pac Bell had a monopoly in our market, and delivered a mediocre product. If you deregulate broadband in such a way that AT&T and companies like it can squeeze out competitors, the monopoly and all its faults will return.

When we first got broadband, it was a luxury. But now, with 2 kids in high school who are expected to do their homework online, it is a necessity. Additionally, my spouse runs her small home-based business online.

Please preserve choice and further competition.

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